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Dear Dr Gray

You see the accompanying
Cheque was prepared some days
since but I have been too busy to
send it. It includes my \$36 for
Gen. Illust. V. 1 six copies - I ignore
all your transactions with Putnam.
Mr Stewart (Condy) works V. 2 -
Shall I get of G. P.?

This is a disastrous winter to me.
Before Jan. I earned \$58 since I
saw you - (Monday next) since
then I have attempted a course
which I abandoned. It was at Mill-
onsbury - will cost me about \$10.
I am talking now of going to
N Grenada (Choco' or Buenaventura
to seek my fortune.

Two plants are maturing either
will require all my plant drying traps
one or two microscopes & an Endlicher.
Both plants may as all others have
done crumble at my touch. I
could get Knecht's simple Micro-
scope (I always divide that word
when I can) I have a compound
one that I will not take.

Dr Torrey was mistaken in saying
that I could not pay for more or
want more Cope plants - I was
a little frightened at the walk
of Erica & felt at first a little
like the man that had drawn an
elephant in a raffle. I arranged
according to D.C. all the species he had
& left the rest in a sort of limbo
from which I am very desirous of
extracting them but don't know
how.

Dr Mead has in my hands a
small package of Illinois plants
(good specimens I guess) which he
would like to exchange for some
foreign plants & would like Cope
very well. If you will take them
for Drge you may give him what
you please for them. He put
them up for Young for who
does not now want them.

If you write me not under cover
to Dr Torrey please direct to the
Merchetry as I wish to habit-
uate my letters to that course
in consequence of my uncertain-
ty of my movements.

Give my respects to Mrs Gray
I don't think I could leave the
U. S. without seeing you
Yours in haste
J. A. Allen